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SUBJECT: REICHSBAHN CONSTRUCTION IN WEST BERLIN

REF: A) USBERLIN 448; B) BONN 3957; C) USBERLIN 466

1. BRITISH MISSION HAS PROVIDED US INFORMATION ON SECOND CASE IN WHICH ALLIED STOPPED REICHSBAHN CONSTRUCTION UNTIL APPLICATION WAS RECEIVED WHICH SOMEWHAT PARALLELS ZEHLENDORF SUED CASE IN U.S. SECTOR DESCRIBED REF A.

2. ACCORDING TO BRITISH MISSION REICHSBAHN BEGAN WORK ON CONSTRUCTION OF CONTAINER TERMINAL AT LEHRTER STATION IN BRITISH SECTOR (TIERGARTEN) IN APRIL 1971. BECAUSE REICHSBAHN HAD NOT REQUESTED PERMISSION, BRITISH HAD POLICE ORDER WORK STOPPED. REICHSBAHN FINALLY ASKED  
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BRITISH MISSION FOR APPROVAL IN JUNE 1971. APPROVAL

WAS GIVEN IN AUGUST AND WORK RESUMED.

3. INTERESTINGLY, HERR VENTZKE OF HILBIG & VENTZKE REFERRED TO BOTH THESE CASES WHEN SENAT CONTACTED HIM MARCH 5 ABOUT NEED FOR ALLIED AUTHORIZATION. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, HILBIG & VENTZKE IS FIRM THAT IS EXPECTED TO DO BULK OF WORK IN CONNECTION WITH DECEMBER 19 AGREEMENT, AND IT IS ONE THAT IS VISIBLY ACTIVE AT BOTH WANNSEE AND CHARLOTTENBURG STATIONS. SENAT HAS UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT SEW HAS SOME SORT OF PARTICIPATORY ROLE IN FIRM, AND IT HAS EVIDENCE THAT IN PAST THIS FIRM HAS RECEIVED PAYMENT FROM REICHSBAHN FOR BILLS THAT WERE NOT PROPERLY AUTHENTICATED. THIS RAISES QUESTION AS TO WHETHER "SWEETHEART" DEAL IS INVOLVED WHICH WOULD GIVE GDR CONSIDERABLY MORE INTEREST IN DM 51 MILLION PAYMENT FOR WORK ON TRAIN STATIONS IN WEST BERLIN THAN ALLEGED PARA 18 REF B, NOT TO MENTION GDR INTEREST IN RECEIVING FUNDS FOR REMAINDER OF DECEMBER 19 AGREEMENT. GEORGE

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